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One way or another, the end is here.

Working with a rogue agent of the Arc (the special ops branch of the Ararat Corporation, a shadowy organization determined to use Venom to destroy all life on earth), The Suit has hatched a plan both to foil the Arc's plans and ensure that it can never happen again. Though this plan involves such grandiose tactics as shutting down the entire electrical supply of New York City and striking a covert deal with The Fantastic Four, it is, at its core, as simple...

...as it is brutal.

Unfortunately, The Suit didn't bother to tell Patricia Robertson, the woman in control of the biogenetically-spawned symbiote (thanks to an endorphin-replicating control collar stolen from one of The Arc's agents), about his plan.

Or how she fits into it.

Alone in the dark, Robertson awaits her fate as either the savior of humankind...or its nightmarish destructor.

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New York.
The Baxter
Building
K-THUMP!
HELLO...?
CAN YOU HEAR ME? HELLO?
CAN ANYONE HEAR ME?
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON OUT THERE?

EVERYONE READY?
YES.
YES.
YEAH... I GUESS SO.
EXCELLENT.
ON MY WORD.

TWIST
PART FIVE
RUN FOR IT!
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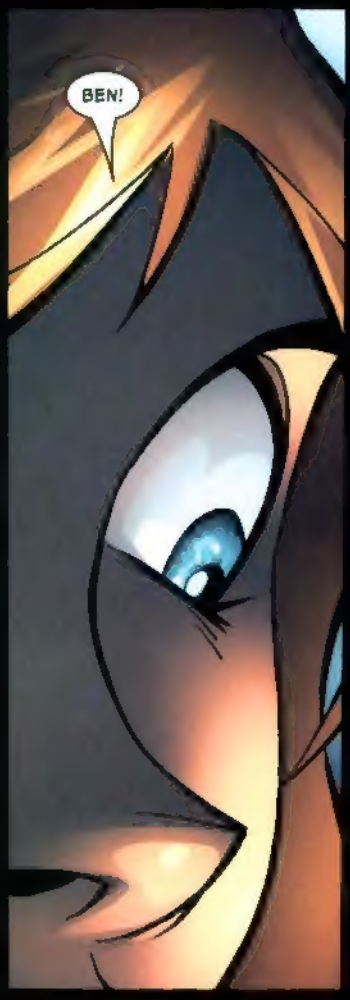
SSSHHHHT
BEE-BEEP!
WHAT... NO BIG FIGHT SCENE?
PLINK
PLINK
OF COURSE THERE'S A BIG FIGHT--

SCNNNN
FWUMP!
WHAT THE--?
HEY!
HEY!
RELAX, SPIDER-MAN...
SUSAN, WHAT--WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
WHAT WE'RE S'POSED T'DO: KEEP YOU OUTTA THE WAY.
OUTTA THE WAY OF WHAT?

UH...BOB? ARE YOU SEEING WHAT I'M SEEING?
INDEED I AM, VICKY...VERY INTERESTING.
EVIDENTLY MR. RICHARDS AND MR. STORM HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE THEIR LEAVE... AND THEY SEEM TO BE TOWING SOMETHING.
SO...SHOULD WE GO IN NOW, WHILE THEY'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE?
NO, MY DEAR.
AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE'RE NOT GOING IN AT ALL.
OUR OBJECTIVE WOULD NOW SEEM TO LIE ELSEWHERE.
FRANKIE, PLEASE READY THE HELICOPTER FOR TAKE-OFF-- WE'RE GOING TO FOLLOW THEM.
ONCE WE HAVE ASCERTAINED THEIR DESTINATION...
...WE SHALL SET A TRAP.

A TRAP?
WHAT KIND OF--
YOU'RE NOT GONNA KILL HIM, ARE YOU?
THIS SITUATION IS BEING HANDLED, SPIDER-MAN...YOUR INTERFERENCE WILL ONLY--
LOOK, YOU GOTTA LEMME TALK TO REED!
REED DON'T HAVE TIME TO TALK--HE'S TAKING THAT SYMBIOTE THINGY TO HIS LAB IN MIDTOWN.
IN OTHER WORDS: HE'S BUSY.
SO BEAT IT.
WHAT YOU GONNA DO, HUH? PUNCH ME? GO AHEAD.
ALL YOU'LL DO IS HURT YOUR--
HEYLEMMEGO!

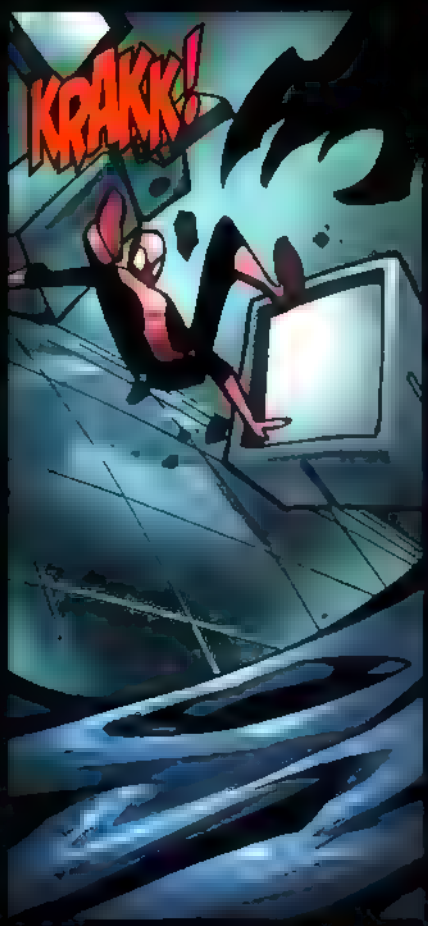
OKEY-DOKEY!
AAAAAHHHH!


BEN!

AAAAAHHHH!
YOU ARE GONNA CATCH HIM, RIGHT?

OKAY, THEN!
BYE-BYE, SUE!
AND BYE-BYE, FORCE FIELD...

WHUMP!
EDDIE?
EDDIE, YOO-HOO-- WHERE ARE YOU?
EDDIE, IF YOU'RE IN THERE, LISTEN TO ME· YOU NEED TO GET OUTTA HERE.
NOW.
THESE GUYS.. ARE NOT PLAYING AROUND.
WHAT A SHAME...
WE LOVE TO PLAY.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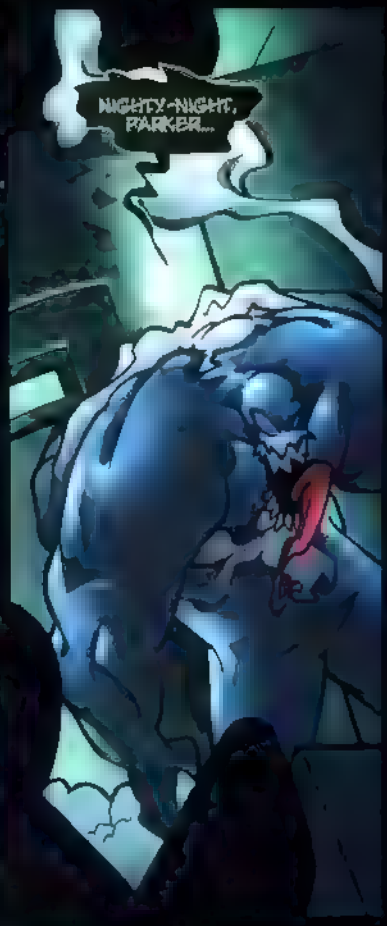
HNN...


NIGHTY-NIGHT, PARKER...

...US GROWN-UPS NEED SOME GROWN-UP TIME TOGETHER.
TO DO GROWN-UP THINGS.

OPEN
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, SWEETIES?

HELLO...?
UH... HELLO? ANYBODY THERE?
WHOA!
Fantastic Four Storage Facility 12
HELLO...?
I AM HERE.
THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU.

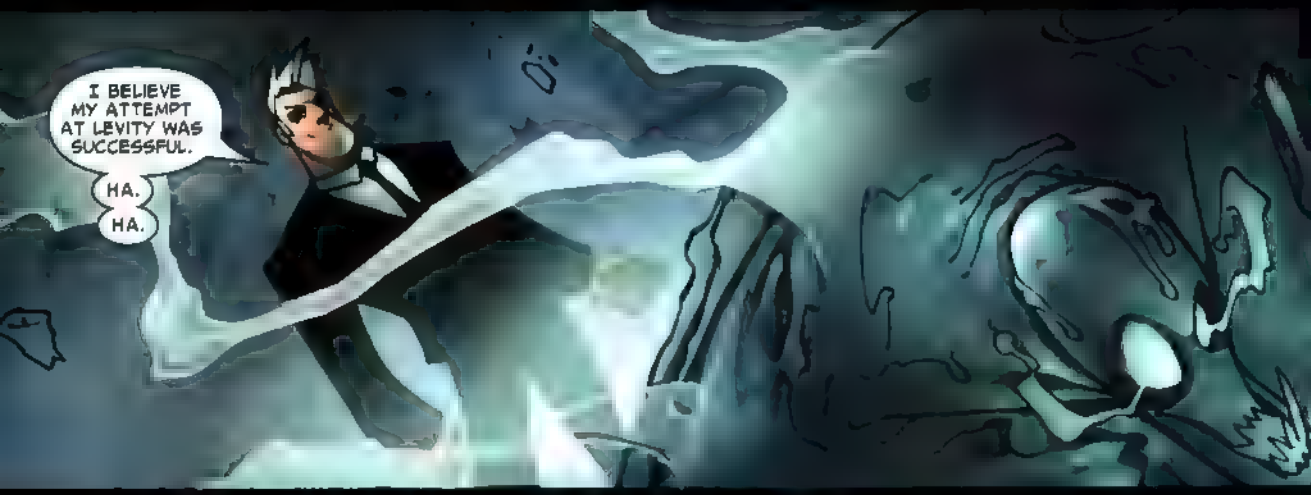
THE PEOPLE WHO IMPRISONED YOU IN THIS CONTAINER DID SO UNDER FALSE PRETENSES. THEY NEVER INTENDED TO RELEASE YOU. YOU AND THE OTHER ALIEN WERE TO BE CONTAINED INDEFINITELY AS RESEARCH SUBJECTS.
I FOUND THIS TO BE UNACCEPTABLE.
THEY ARE, HOWEVER, VERY DETERMINED...I DO NOT BELIEVE I WILL BE ABLE TO FURTHER PROTECT YOU. HOWEVER, I MAY HAVE GIVEN YOU ENOUGH TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR GOAL.
YOU HAVE CONTROL OF THE ALIEN ATTACHED TO YOU. USE IT TO YOUR ADVANTAGE.
BUT WHERE...?
TAKE THIS VEHICLE BACK TO THE BAXTER BUILDING--THE COORDINATES ARE PRE-PROGRAMMED.
YOU MUST MOVE QUICKLY.
THIS IS ALL SO...CONFUSING--AND I'M SO TIRED. I-I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO...
YOUR CONFUSION AND FATIGUE ARE UNDERSTANDABLE.
HOWEVER, I AM POSITIVE THAT YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO.
OR, AT LEAST, A PART OF YOU DOES.
"NOW GO."

THAT WASN'T TOO HARD.
IT NEVER IS, LADIES--ALL I HAVE TO DO IS BE MYSELF...
BUT WITHOUT THE CHARM
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THEM?
AH, YES.. OUR UNWILLING GUESTS--
...SO THAT THEY MAY BOND.
--I'LL KEEP THEM ENTERTAINED WHILE YOU FOLLOW YOUNG MISS ROBERTSON.
ONCE SHE IS WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF THE OTHER SYMBIOTE, TAKE HER CONTROL COLLAR OFF-LINE AGAIN
Y-YOU CAN'T DO THIS--!
OH, DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, MR RICHARDS-- I PRACTICALLY ALREADY HAVE.

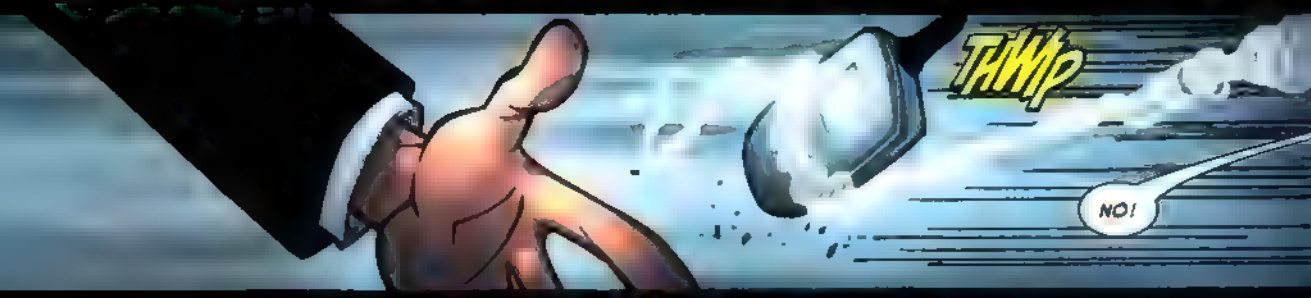
"WHICH LEAVES ONLY ONE LAST LOOSE END...
COME TO PAPA...
The Baxter Building.
VERY WELL.

CHHRZAAKKT!

"I WONDER WHERE HE IS?"
BUT, AS YOU CAN SEE--
--AND TO PARAPHRASE--
--PAPA NOW POSSESSES AN ENTIRELY BRAND-NEW BAG.


I BELIEVE MY ATTEMPT AT LEVITY WAS SUCCESSFUL.
HA. HA.

INCIDENTALLY, IT IS NOT MY INTENTION TO PROLONG YOUR AGONY...
...I AM SIMPLY WAITING TO RECHARGE SO THAT I MAY COMPLETELY DESTROY YOU.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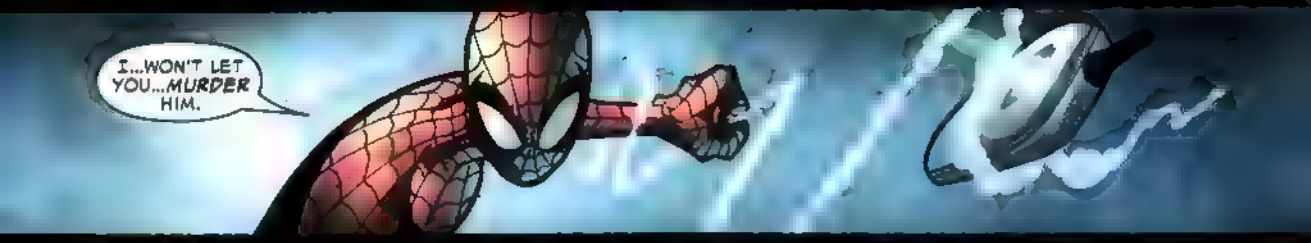
NO!


I...WON'T LET YOU...MURDER HIM.

I DO NOT REQUIRE YOUR PERMISSION...NOR DO I, AT THIS DISTANCE, REQUIRE THE PHONE. IT IS MERELY A CONDUCTOR.
I AM THE WEAPON.

UH... SUE? LOOKS LIKE WE'VE A SITUATION HERE.
I KNOW, I KNOW...BUT I CAN'T RISK LETTING VENOM ESCAPE. REED SAID TO HOLD CONTAINMENT AT ANY COST--!
RIGHT. BUT LORD KNOWS WHAT THIS GUY'S GONNA UNLEASH-- AND SPIDER-MAN'S GOT HIMSELF RIGHT IN THE LINE OF FIRE.
WE'RE GONNA HAVETA SAVE HIM.
BUT...
BUT HOW CAN I--?
WAIT!
IF I CAN CONTRACT THE FORCE FIELD IN TIME--
FFZZAAAKT!
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HEH...
HEH-HEH...
HOW ABOUT THAT... SAVED BY THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
AND ALL BECAUSE OF YOU, PARKER.
MAYBE YOU'RE NOT SO USELESS AFTER--
KROOOMM!
WHO--!
IT'S TIME.
"VIC TO BOB: SHE'S WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE--"

"-- I'M TAKING THE COLLAR OFF-LINE NOW."
AW, C'MON CUTIE...
...IS THAT ANY WAY TO GREET THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE?
I DON'T HAVE A LIFE...NOT ANYMORE.
AND NEITHER SHOULD...
YOU...?
NNNNOOOOOO!
YESSSS...
VIC TO BOB:

"MISSION ACCOMPLISHED."

FINALLY...
FINALLY...
...WE HAVE BECOME MORE.

SO...
MUCH...
...MORE.
EDDIE... WAIT...

HAHAHA HAHAHAHA HAHAHA!

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WHAT NOW, BOB?
NOW?
WE WAIT.
"BUT NOT FOR LONG."
THE...END?